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SUBJECT: EC/ICELAND FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS

1.DURING EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S QUESTION HOUR APRIL 19,
EC COMMISSIONER GUNDELACH (AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES)TOLD
PARLIAMENT THAT COMMUNITY WILL SOON MAKE ANOTHER TRY AT
MOVING FORWARD THE STALLED EC-ICELAND FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS
BY SENDING A JOINT EC COMMISSION-EC COUNCIL NEGOTIATING TEAM
TO REYKJAVIK,GUNDELACH,WHO WILL CONTINUE TO PREPRESENT
THE COMMISSION IN THE NEGOTIATIONS,SAID THAT WHEN THE TALKS
WITH ICELAND RESUME,THE EC WILL PLACE THE FISHERIES PROBLEM
IN THE "BROADER CONTEXT OF OVERALL EC-ICELAND RELATIONS."

2.WHEN BRITISH MPS FROM BOTH PARLIAMENT'S CONSERVATIVE AND
SOCIALIST GROUPS PRESSED (HOPEFULLY)TO KNOW WHETHER
GUNDELACH'S STATEMENT MEANT THAT COMMUNITY WAS PREPARED TO
USE ITS " FULL ECONOMIC POWER" IN NEGOTIATING WITH ICELAND,
GUNDELACH DECLINED TO ADOPT SUCH A FORMULATION,SUGGESTING
INSTEAD THAT HIS " BROADER CONTEXT" STATEMENT
SPOKE FOR ITSELF.THE COMMISSIONER SAID THAT SINCE
NEGOTIATIONS WITH ICELAND ARE ALWAYS DIFFICULT,HE DID
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NOT WANT TO RAISE FALSE HOPES-ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR
EARLY AGREEMENT.HE OBSERVED,HOWEVER,THAT IN TERMS
OF THE TOTALITY OF ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EC,
ICELAND HAS " SO MUCH AT STAKE" THAT HE CONTINUES TO
BELIEVE A FISHERIES AGREEMENT IS POSSIBLE.
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